

## QUESTIONS FOR STUDY AND DISCUSSION

1. In America today, what three words best describe our culture's view of marriage? Do you think marriage is valued? Why or why not?
2. In Psalm 127:1, what does God state is the condition of a well built house? What are some of the ways we might build a marriage not based on God? What does it mean for God Himself to build our marriage?
3. In Ephesians 5:25-27, the purpose of Christ for His church is what quality? This is also God's purpose for our marriage. Biblically, why are our marriages not primarily for our happiness but our holiness? How have you seen this truth working in your life?
4. In Genesis 2:20-25, God gives Adam and Eve his design for marriage. When is this design given, before or after the fall? Why is this significant and why does it make marriage as God intends a great challenge?
5. In Genesis 2:24, God reveals three foundational aspects of the marriage relationship. What are these? How do we live by faith in each of these three areas? Which of these areas is the most difficult to live out?
6. Following the fall and due to our sin, one of our main tendencies is to hide from God and others. How does this effect our marriage and how does it call us to live by faith in God's promises?
7. As we seek to live out God's design for marriage, we recognize how inadequate we are to fulfill God's calling. What does Ephesians 5:18 say is absolutely necessary for living out God's purposes, especially in relationships? What does this practically mean? How would living this way have an impact on your marriage in the areas of unity, conflict and purpose? Will you commit today in living in His presence and power?

## *God's Treasures for Marriage: I "Faith, Hope and Love" (Selected Scriptures)*

### *I. Who is Building Your House?*

### *II. Living By Faith in Your Marriage*

*1. By faith, we live with God's purpose of \_\_\_\_\_  
being fundamental to our marriage.*

*2. By faith, we live with God's plan of \_\_\_\_\_  
being foundational in our marriage.*

*1. I \_\_\_\_\_*

*2. P \_\_\_\_\_*

*3. U \_\_\_\_\_*

*3. By faith, we live with God's priority of \_\_\_\_\_  
being foremost in our marriage.*